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1. The State of Saxony has ordered the immediate establishment of artisans' cooperatives (Handwerksgenossenschaften). The purchase and distribution of all raw materials for artisans will be handled by these cooperatives. They will also take over the sale of all goods produced by the artisans. No artisan has the right now to buy or sell anything independently. Both artisans and apprentices must join these cooperatives.
2. It is reported that control of the Leather Section of the Artisans' Chamber is almost completely in the hands of SED people without any practical experience. It is claimed that a shoemaker who asked the Chamber for an allotment of glue for his work received one ton, with the result that others who applied received none at all!
3. At the end of August a meeting was held in Bautzen at which it was planned to establish an artisans' cooperative. Out of 800 artisans who were invited, sixty appeared. When a vote was taken, sixteen voted for the organization of a cooperative. (Apparently the other forty-four did not vote at all.) The chairman then announced that the Artisans' Cooperative of the FDGB in Bautzen was officially founded, since seven members are enough to establish a cooperative society.

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